

Remarks/Arguments

Entry of this supplemental amendment is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that the Listing of the Claims set forth in this supplemental amendment replace the Listing of the Claims set forth in the amendment filed June 1, 2005.

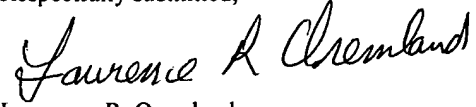
In reviewing the amendment filed June 1, 2005, undersigned noted informalities in claims 3, 7, 9 and 10 as submitted in the Listing of the Claims in that amendment. Specifically, claim 3 should have bracketed the numeral "2" and underlined the numeral "1", since it was intended for claim 3 to depend from amended claim 1, which incorporates the substance of canceled claim 2. Claim 7 should have underlined the phrase "formed of wood and", since that language was being added. Claim 9 should have underlined the phrase "steps of splicing together lower ring sections to form the lower ring," since that language was being added to the claim. Claim 10 should not have presented the expression "[the ribs are formed of wood and]", since the phrase "the ribs are formed of wood" was not in original claim 10, and also since claim 9, from which claim 10 depends, already recites that the ribs are formed of wood, and thus the bracketed expression is redundant, and may be confusing.

The Listing of the Claims set forth above seeks to correct those informalities. Moreover, the Listing of the Claims is not intended to substantively change the amendment presented on June 1, 2005. The arguments set forth in the amendment filed June 1, 2005 are all believed applicable to the Listing of the Claims set forth above.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the amendment filed June 1, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention, as set forth by amendment filed June 1, 2005, and supplemented with the Listing of the Claims set forth above, is not disclosed in or obvious from the cited references.

Entry of this supplemental amendment and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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